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I was recently sworn in for my first term as a parish council member for Terrebonne Parish. Outside of my service on the parish council, two partners and I have registered a new limited liability company, Lake Faustina LLC. The company owns property that is available for the sale of borrow/dirt. I currently have a controlling interest in Lake Faustina, LLC as I own fifty percent of the company and its assets.

The Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District may be interested in purchasing borrow from my company as that entity has coastal restoration projects, including the Morganza Project, in proximity to the borrow pits owned by Lake Faustina, LLC.

The Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District, is a separate agency and political subdivision of the state of Louisiana established pursuant to state law (LaRS 38:329) whose board members are appointed by the Governor of Louisiana (LaRS 38:304). The Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District sought and received parish wide approval for a local sales tax to fund the Morganza hurricane levee system in Terrebonne Parish. The dedicated taxes are collected, as all sales taxes are, by Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government (TPCG) and flow through by agreement to the Levee Board.

May Lake Faustina LLC sell borrow to the levee board without creating a potential ethics violation for me due to my service on the parish council?

From time to time the TPCG enters into cooperative agreements with the levee board to jointly carry out projects, may Lake Faustina LLC sell borrow to the levee board on these shared projects without creating a potential ethics violation for me due to my service on the parish council or should Lake Faustina LLC decline sales to the levee board on these joint projects?

Would I be required to reduce my interest in Lake Faustina LLC to less than 25% in order for the company to sell dirt to the levee board on purely levee board projects?

Thanks for your assistance on this matter; I want to ensure that I comply with all ethics requirements.

Please call me if you require any additional information.

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